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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ETRD, EEC

SUBJ: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL

REF: BRUSSELS 8429

1. IN FOUR-HOUR DRAFTING SESSION LAST EVENING (JULY 20) BETWEEN EC, JAPAN, AND U.S., AGREEMENT REACHED ON WORDING OF THE PARAGRAPH OF SUCH CONCERN TO DAVIGNON. PARAGRAPH NOW READS: QUOTE. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EVOLUTIONARY AND CYCLICAL NATURE OF TRADE IN TEXTILES, AND THE NEED TO SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THOSE DISCUSSED BY IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES AT THE MEETINGS OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE, IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND EQUITABLE MANNER FOR THE INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED, A SUFFICIENT CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF THE ELEMENTS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS ONE THROUGH SEVEN ABOVE, IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY SIGNATURE AS FROM 15/12/77 OF A PROTOCOL FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE MFA IN ITS PRESENT FORM FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. UNQUOTE.

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2. DRAFT LANGUAGE WAS PROPOSED BY U.S. AND IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED BY TRAN AND THE REST OF HIS NEGOTIATING TEAM AS WELL AS BY THE JAPANESE. (JAPANESE NEED FINAL TOKYO APPROVAL WHICH THEY SEEKING.) WE UNDERSTAND THAT HONG KONG WOULD ACCEPT SUCH LANGUAGE. THE CHANGE FROM FIVE YEARS TO FOUR YEARS IS CAUSED BY JAPANESE CONSTITU-

TIONAL PROBLEM IN NOT REPEAT NOT BEING ABLE TO ENTER INTO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR PERIODS BEYOND THAT TIME WITHOUT HAVING TO SUBMIT THEM TO THE DIET, A STEP WHICH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WISH TO DO WITH THE MFA. THE COMMISSION HAS ACCEPTED FOUR YEARS.

3. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN HELPED THE COMMISSION IN GETTING OUT OF A BIND, AND IN OUR VIEW THEY OWE US A COUPLE OF FAVORS NOW. WE ARE, OF COURSE, NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS DRAFT LANGUAGE WILL BE ACCEPTED BY EVERYBODY ELSE CONCERNED, BUT WE HOPE THAT IT CAN BE PUSHED THROUGH. THIS TEXT WILL BE CIRCULATED TODAY AT 0930 HOURS. IF AFTER SUCH CIRCULATION THE COMMISSION THEN COMES BACK WITH A REQUEST FOR EVEN FURTHER EXPLICIT CONDITIONALITY, WE HONESTLY THINK THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE. WE ARE TAKING TRAN AT HIS WORD THAT THE REVISED VERSION IS ACCEPTABLE.VANDEN HEUVEL

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